

CLASSIFICATION **SECRET/CONTROL-US OFFICIALS ONLY**

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY **USSR(Latvia)**

DATE DISTR. **17 May 1949**

SUBJECT **Harbor of Lepaya (Libau)**

NO. OF PAGES **1**

25X1

Return to CIA Library

25X1

SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.

25X1

The attached report on the harbor of Lepaya (Libau) is being sent to you for retention in the belief that it may be of interest.

EVALUATE

EE/USSR
MAY 31 4 27 PM '49

CLASSIFICATION **SECRET/CONTROL-US OFFICIALS ONLY**

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| STATE | NAVY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NSRB | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ARMY | AIR | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Liban, Harbor Data (28 March 1949)

ILLEGIB

1. Approach

- a) [] vessel anchored outside the harbor []

ILLEGIB

[] 56°31' 54" N
20°56' 06" E where the ~~xxx~~ pilot was awaited.

- b) The pilot was Latvian and very efficient.
- c) A Russian officer and two enlisted men came aboard with the pilot.
The Russian officer had three stars and red edging on his epaulettes.
- d) The vessel entered between the northern and southern breakwaters.
Beacons and lights in the channel (course 67 3/4 °) were in place as indicated on chart 1770.
- e) The lights at the entrance between the southern breakwater and the southern mole were not ~~light~~ lit.

2. Controls

- a) The vessel tied up at the quay near the pilot's tower (~~see~~ C on attached sketch).
- b) The control commission came aboard and went thru the vessel very carefully. Binoculars, cameras, and dutiable goods were sealed.
- c) Landing passes for the crew were ~~not~~ issued ~~before~~ effective from midnight, and as the vessel was to sail ~~already~~ the next morning none of the crew went ashore.

3. Quays

- a) The quay near the pilot's tower (C) is constructed entirely of stone and is in good condition.
- b) The depth alongside is 19 feet.

c) There are two American motor cranes on rails on the quay, and they appear to have a capacity of 5 tons. While [] vessel was being unloaded, A ^{Russian} ~~Marine~~ floating crane came alongside. This probably had a capacity of 10 to 15 tons.

25X1

d) This quay also has ~~singlaxatt~~ a double track spur.

4. Bunkers

a) There is a bunkering station in the winter harbor (A on the attached sketch).

b) An old Russian steamship of ca. 1500 tons was tied up at this quay.

5. Vessels in the harbor

a) A Russian, formerly German, vessel of ca. 2500 tons was unloading pyrite^s (at D) by means of pipes and special unloading devices. The vessel was painted white and had a white stack with narrow red stripes.

25X1

b) Another Russian vessel lay at E on the sketch. This vessel had a rigging which is typical of vessels built in Fr. stad (sic - probably Fredrikstad, Norway).

6. a) 8 old Russian motorships ^{boats} lay at F.

b) Length ⁶⁰ ~~50~~ feet

c) Armed only with AA guns

25X1

7. Power station.

A power station (see sketch) on the east side of the harbor was in operation.

8. Wreck.

The ^{bow} ~~bow~~ of a 10,000 ton vessel was observed above the water in the position ca. 56°33' 36" N and 20°55' 48" E.

-3-

9. Departure

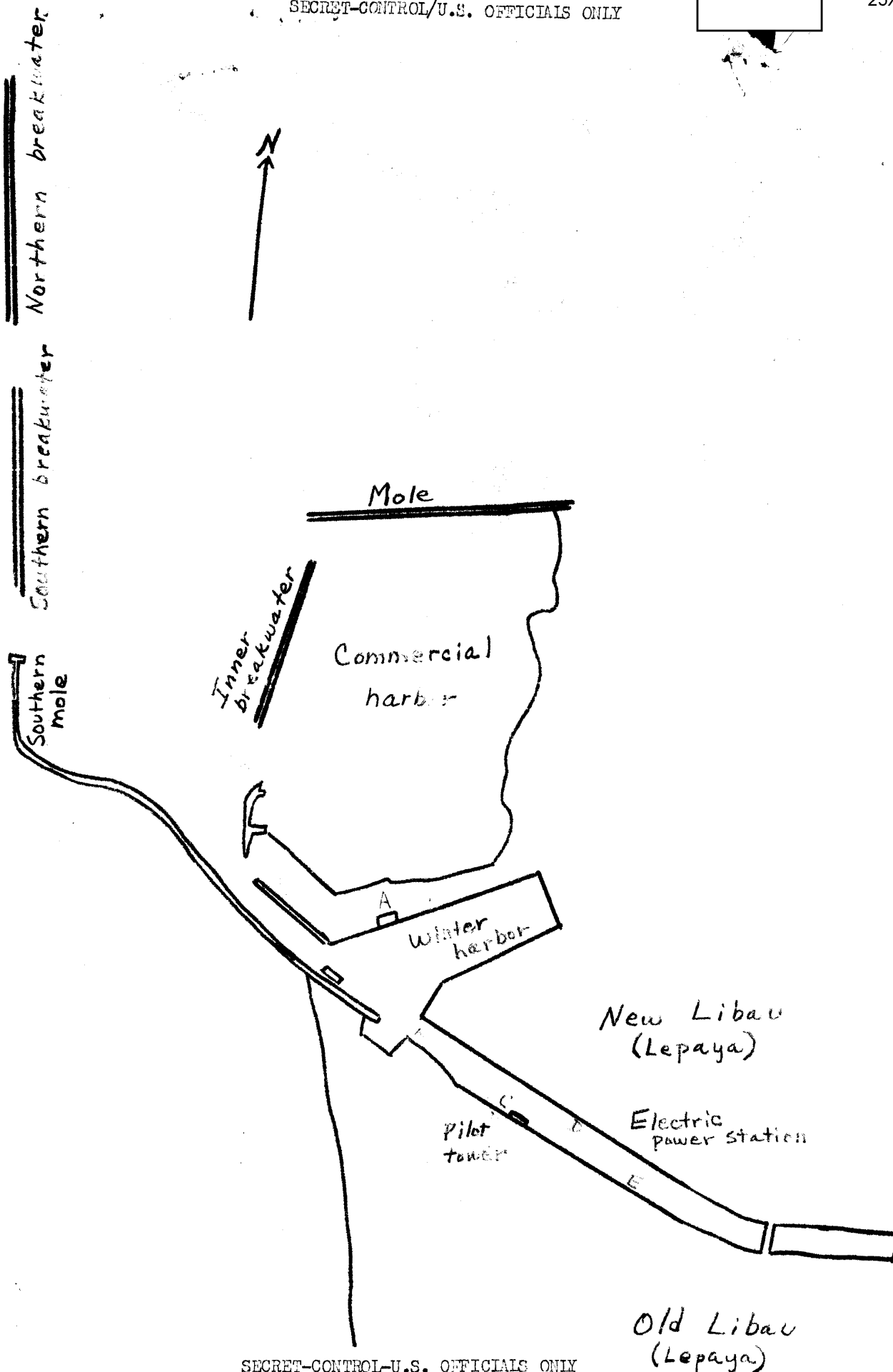
25X1

When vessel left Libau one of the two motorboats mentioned in para. 6 accompanied it for about 2 nautical miles.

SECRET

CONTROL

U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY



25X1

Approved For Release 2006/03/03 : CIA-RDP83-00415R003000030007-7

Approved For Release 2006/03/03 : CIA-RDP83-00415R003000030007-7